

Letters To The Editor

Voicing Station

To the students, faculty, and administration,

As most of you who will bother to read this letter know, there was a "peaceful demonstration" in the Suisman Lounge on January 8, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Being a speaker, shouter, jeerer, and mainly listener of the event, I would like to present to you a few of my impressions.

First of all, I would like to commend Dr. Yoshida, Dr. Brody, and Mr. Evica, on their fine display of sincere interest; and on their courage for expressing their exact sentiments, no matter what the "HONKIES" of the university thought. Also, they tried to find some acceptable solution to the confrontation, without the students losing their power and their voice in any way. Finally, they decided to return to the Faculty and force them to take a stand, and become a part of this situation. Honored professors, I applaud you!

The issue presented by Dean Sweeney (on behalf of himself???) was that the Liberated Press must be forced from its present line of action, into one of "responsible journalism." I feel that by this Dean Sweeney meant that we should have a paper which will print the weekly cafeteria menu, profiles of all the staff members, a gossip column, a list of daily events, articles on a library which will be completed in 1984 (if they ever find a spot), and the toilet paper situation in Crandall House. I ask Dean Sweeney if this is really what he thinks is "responsible journalism"???

Responsible journalism is reporting the news with your opinions expressed in the articles, and serving its community. Editor Hardy has made the U.H. News and Liberated Press an example of responsible journalism. He lets the main body of the paper be a voicing station for any and all opinions, on any and all subjects. He prints controversial material, and then he lets himself be both defiled and castrated by the ensuing letters. This is a newspaper responsible to the community at the University of Hartford.

The Publications Committee has the right to demand his resignation, but not one of us has the right to tell him how to run the paper we made him editor of.

Thank you, Jack, for letting me voice my opinion.

Robert P. Halpern

Hierarchy of Needs

U.H. News:

I'm writing in response to the girl who signed the letter "Freshman Virgin" in the 1/8 issue of the paper.

I'd like to offer a few questions that you might think about and suggest that you might read something about Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

In what terms do you define yourself as a person? Is your relationship congruent to all directions or are some aspects more developed and others neglected? Does it make sense to be intimate with someone emotionally and intellectually and not to be close physically?

What does it mean to two people to be legally married? What means more to them, the time when they begin their relationship or the time when that relationship is socially recognized? Can any person honestly make a commitment for the rest of her life or can she only make reasonable predictions about today and tomorrow?

Sunshine,
Joanne Moody

The Sign

Dear Jack,

The sign of an immature man is that he wants to die nobly for

a cause, the sign of a mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one.

Wilhelm Stenkel

The Blind Men

Blind men,
Failing in their reality,
Wishing their problems away.
Go ahead,
Close your eyes,
If that makes the facts disappear.
But don't cry to me,
When the world proclaims
That you're not really here.

Robert P. Halpern

All Time Low

The "Liberated Mess or Gut Smut" has just reached an all time low. The only logical explanation for the trash and trivia published in this distorted paper is that the paper staff need more toilet paper. That is all this rag is worth.

SEWAGE, WE STILL LOVE YOU -
Please publish you bastards

an award

Dear Jack,

Recently I was home in West Hartford. This angel appeared to me while I was in a record store and gave me two issues of the LIBERATED PRESS. The two of us have since read them rather intensively. We were amazed at the super-high excellent quality of your paper. We have spent a good part of the last year and a half reading papers, underground and collegiate. We figure yours is about the best we've seen for a college paper. To think that you are trying to open the UoH is beautiful. From a non-striking public school teacher and a master's degree grad student at Uof Chicago. Love and keep doing it.

William S. Kormich
William G. Nowlin Jr.
It's crackers to slip a rozzer the dropsy in snide.
P.S. See you inauguration day.

Core City

Dear Jack,

This letter is in response to the recipients of the core city scholarships who wrote in protest against the Bursar's office:

First of all, may I strongly agree with your statements concerning the incompetence and sad inefficiency of the Bursar's office. That office is in dire need of either some real organization, a new and competent staff, or both. I have found from an experience of my own that one end of the office is often ignorant of what the other end is doing -- that no one is really sure what the policy of the office is. Parents are sent bills demanding various sums of money, yet no clear explanation is given as to WHY the parents are being billed; and, if the reason for the bill is questioned, the person gets the old administrative run-around and enough looks to kill. It seems that the administration is merely trying to get its hands on as much money as it can with as little valid reason as possible. This is indeed unfair. The office has been no less unfair, inept, and insulting in your case. I sympathize with you on the basis of my personal experience (although I realize that your problem is more serious).

I do not agree, however, with your statements calling the Bursar's actions as a "crystal clear act of racism." Your claim that the administration is acting in a racist manner is in itself a racist claim. The Bursar's office is indeed guilty of "mistakes and misdeeds," but certainly not against Blacks only, as you would come

to realize if you would only maintain an open mind and, with it, a sense of your own individuality. I agree that you as Black people have been treated with indignity by the white race in general, and you and I both realize that this situation is not improving fast enough. I am white, and I am not denying that I see a color difference between you and me; but I also realize that color is the ONLY human difference between us, and that it shouldn't be the cause of any new and false ones. And you must try to accept the fact that many other whites are working very hard at achieving the same attitude (or one that is even better). But unfortunately, it takes a long time for the attitudes of a nation to make such a radical change, and not until attitudes change will there be any meaningful results. But it is not only the attitudes of the WHITES that must change -- yours must begin to change now also.

It seems that the "integration" that you and I both worked so hard for is the very thing that you are now rejecting as being not enough and relatively undesirable. Because we are all human, we should all enjoy the same rights and privileges. You certainly have every right to demand the same rights and powers that whites now exercise. But, as we had no right to deprive you of them in the first place, you have no right to claim UNequal rights in the form of special and unfair (both to you and to me) considerations merely because you are Black. If you will forget your group alliances for a moment and think this out rationally, I think you will agree. Don't lower yourself to the level of white inhumanity. Think as an individual -- don't lose your sense of self and your individual and HEART-FELT beliefs in irrational group persuasions which are all too often the results of impulsive passions let loose without reason. Harsh and irrational words and actions only INTENSIFY racism; they reverse the progress made through peaceful and WISE actions. You might as well resign yourself to the fact that genuine brotherhood is not going to be achieved in our generation or perhaps even in the next one. It's a hard fact, and it takes courage to face it. But the time to start is NOW. Put your efforts into constructive and peaceful actions for the benefit of generations to come -- don't be futilely selfish and ruin everything that has been accomplished so far. After all, that's what you're here to learn. Black racism is not going to dispel white racism.

Linda

Paper Suspended

I hereby suspend publication of the Liberated Press until such time as the Publications Commission of the S.F.A. establishes acceptable standards of journalistic responsibility for the operation of the campus paper, such as the guideline set forth by A.A.U.P. I am taking this action because the Publications Commission has not been operating (they are the group responsible for establishing journalistic guidelines) AND because the Senate Committee's discussions with the editor of the paper have been unproductive.

Eugene T. Sweeney
Dean of Student Relations

"Over Forty"

You call your paper the "liberated" Press; may I then, assume that my "minority" opinion will be allowed expression? Because you see, I am that of un-necessary non-entirely known as the "over forty" group, and I must depend on your beneficence and obvious concern for minority opinions.

First, I would like to ask you what you are liberating? About the only thing that is evident is the unimpeded flow of gutter language. You may call this liberation; I call it regression and the manifestation of progressive decline, the rape of aestheticism and the precursor of destruction of the very things you say you want to liberate.

Let's take an example -- LOVE! You imply that you love your fellow man, yet you take love, the most precious "possession" man has; perhaps "gift" would be a better word (I never went to college) and you debase it; you prepare to "sell" it after replacing its most valuable ingredient with an adulterant -- you turn beauty into bawdry. Is this your conception of liberation? Equating obscenity and promiscuity with love is not liberation; it is degradation -- and ignorance and criminality against those you would "liberate! Do we agree on the meaning of the word love? Of course, I am over forty so my reflective thinking may differ from yours? But I believe love to be the controlling principle in the Universe, unselfish concern; (are you in "love" with the excitement of revolutionary activities; publicity, shock tactics, and the licentious opportunities your disregard for the "establishment" makes possible or -- are you really concerned about your University, your country and humanity?) I also believe that love is wholesome, that it demands self control; has an inseparable quality of purity and is often much maligned by unfit people, in unfit circumstances, and in unfit places. This is not love but a pseudonym. Love requires no returns; no publicity, no special privileges, no special exemptions. It is not a devouring flame; it is a NOISELESS constancy!

I am in favor of four letter words -- when they are "love" and "care," love that helps and allows all men to develop to their fullest potential; that is neither parasitic nor voracious nor manipulative, I approve of "care" or concern when it involves also, responsibility; respect for all affected and perspective!

I suggest that your "Liberated" News is a sad little paper; that it misses by the hairs on your heads (and chins!) a golden opportunity to bring into alignment your own contemporaries now outside the pale of your alleged commitment and the legion of over-forty, fellow humans (yes Virginia, we ARE human) who have a parallel sensitivity to your alleged motivations. Over forty is not ALL "hamburger and TV," even those of us who are "culturally deprived" because we have to work for a living.

I read once that "the knocker is always on the outside of the door." How many of you really believe that you would have done any better than the "establishment" in the same circumstances; did it ever occur to you that a large segment of the population of this country have been too BUSY to bring about a condition of paradise? And this has NOT been an uncaring or completely unconcerned busyness but a basically life preserving business of earning a living? Do you know what kind of opportunity for example, was open to a teen age girl back in 1942; a girl with a thirst for knowledge but who couldn't go to college because her hard working, sober, parents had all they could do to feed and clothe younger brothers and sisters? Did you ever work for \$7.00 a week; fifty hours? Well; I am part of the "Establishment." I am not proud of many things the establishment has done -- or failed to do, but I know that much of the accomplishment has been phenomenal; that no country in the WORLD has done as much for its own or for others; that its failures are the failures of other Nations as well. It is also the failures of individuals who make up the establishment; that you cannot condemn any Nation collectively! There are no labels that fit collectively -- only individually. . . . make the world better -- starting with ME! This is the ONLY way it will ever BE better -- not by knocking all existing institutions as if there were no good in them, but by judicial promotion of constructive changes; by "starting with ME;" by noiseless but evident constancy; and by self-discipline, not self-indulgence! We are all searching for that Utopia of equality but we can't

not find it separately and we will not find it if we fragmentize our world. No one and nothing is unconnected.

A man is worth only as much as those things are worth that he busies himself with; What's your hangup? Four letter words? Nudity? Obscenity? Promiscuity? Why? They have nothing to do with truth -- genuine communication or confrontation, and truth doesn't need to be punctuated with obscenity; it stands by itself. Ages will come and go and mountains will drop into the sea but truth will never die or go out of style.

What is "liberating" about a nude photo of Lennon and Ono? What are you trying to prove? All you HAVE proved is, that ANYTHING can get its picture in the Liberated Press. I'm sure however, that many of you have parents with just as "artistic" anatomies; why don't you give them preference over two who have had more than their share of publicity? While we're liberating, let's liberate equality of opportunity in all spheres. Don't be so selfish!

How old are you? If you are nineteen, you have lived nine million, three hundred and thirty-three thousand, two hundred minutes. What have you done with them? What have you built? Bridges of understanding or mountains of chaos? Of course if you are ONLY nineteen; you haven't had much time to build anything but most of you at UH are over nineteen. As one of the over-forty group, you have lambasted my record -- now I am questioning you! What have you done besides, curse, complain and consume?

You are right about many things -- partially right about many others; totally wrong about some. Inequalities DO exist; selfishness and corruption do exist -- but they exist side by side with unselfishness; honesty, and striving for equality. By all means act man -- ACT! Over forty isn't against you! But THINK before you act and be very SURE you WANT what you are after -- you may GET it! Are you reform -- or just rabble???

"For while the rabble with their hollow creeds,
Their loud professions -- and their little deeds,
Mingle in obscene strife -- lo, freedom weeps;
Wrong rules the land, and weary justice -- sleeps!"

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From the Office of the Chaplain
"We should make the Pope an honorary American--he thinks he's infallable too."

From the Office of the Chaplain
"If the Trinity is true, does that mean that Christ had an Oedipus Complex."

From the Office of the Chaplain
"What do they expect when they put our office across from the men's room?"